

U. S. ADMIRALS DO NOT AGREE

Fletcher Says Atlantic Fleet
Is 1,000 Men
Short

BLUE THAT IT HAS
200 IN EXCESS

Big Shortage in Officers, So
Blue Tells the House
Committee

Washington, Feb. 8.—When Rear Admiral Blue, chief of the bureau of navigation, told the House naval committee yesterday that the Atlantic fleet went south for winter drill with an excess of nearly 200 men in its enlisted personnel, Representative Britten produced a radiogram from Admiral Fletcher stating that the 15 battleships were short nearly 1,000 men. The message said the ships lacked 510 coal passers, 67 machinists' mates, 48 gunners' mates, 32 boatswains' mates, 62 electricians, 60 yeomen, and 44 ships' cooks.

"The message says nothing of the excess of men in other ratings, however," replied Admiral Blue, reiterating his statement that the fleet had from 150 to 200 men in excess of its total allowed enlistment complement when it started.

Admiral Fletcher has said the fleet was short 5,000 enlisted men last year, while Admiral Blue has placed the shortage at 1,000. Admiral Blue said fleet officers had asked for 1,157 men for the South Carolina and Michigan, and that number on either ship, he thought, would be in the way.

"Have you ever commanded a battleship?" demanded Representative Britten.

"No," said Admiral Blue, "but I have been executive officer of an armored cruiser, and the executive officer deals directly with the assignment and employment of the men. The work is exactly the same on an armored cruiser as on a battleship."

According to the admiral's testimony earlier in the hearing, the navy will, on July 1, be 1,500 officers short of the force necessary to man its ships for war. He urged prompt passage of the bill for an immediate addition of 300 midshipmen to the naval academy. Even counting on some 400 retired officers under assignment for limited war service, the admiral said, there would be a serious shortage. The bill already has been approved by the committee, and is ready for action in the House.

Admiral Blue said that under his estimates American ships would have about the same force of officers that British ships carry, but would be far below the Germans and Japanese.

KITCHENER TO QUIT WAR OFFICE

London Daily Sketch Says That Changes
of Great Importance Are
Contemplated.

London, Feb. 8.—Changes of great importance in the direction of the war are contemplated, says the Daily Sketch. It asserts Earl Kitchener probably will leave the war office.

The Sketch also says Sir William Robertson, now chief of staff, probably will take over active direction of the war without interference except from the cabinet as a whole, and that a civilian of real ability for organization will become secretary for war.

In the event that Earl Kitchener leaves the war office, The Sketch adds, he will undertake work of an important character elsewhere.

Commenting on the new order that the British chief of staff "shall be responsible for issuing the orders of the government regarding military operations," the Daily Mail says:

"Since the creation of the ministry of munitions no more important change in the functions of the secretary for war has taken place."

The order means that in future army orders will go out in the name of Sir William Robertson, the chief of staff, instead of that of Lord Kitchener, as heretofore.

HOW TO GET RID OF CHRONIC DANDRUFF

The only sure way to get permanently rid of dandruff is to remove the conditions that cause it and then keep the hair and scalp in a clean, healthy, vigorous state so dandruff will never return. This means shampooing, which merely removes the dandruff for a few days at most. The Red Cross Pharmacy is now strongly recommending Parisian Sage, a harmless, inexpensive and quick acting preparation, that is guaranteed to act directly on the cause of dandruff and entirely remove it or the purchase price will be cheerfully refunded.

Here is a test no one should fail to try. Get from your druggist a package of Parisian Sage. Rub a little of it into the scalp with the finger tips and see for yourself how the dandruff disappears, the hair stops falling out and all itching immediately ceases. Nothing hurts the scalp more than dandruff, so why not begin using Parisian Sage to-day and be forever rid of it?—Adv.

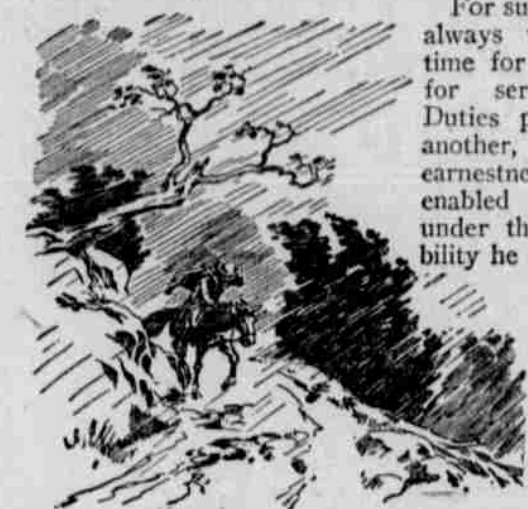
THE MODERN NEED

is a remedy for the evil effects of quick eating, over-eating and strenuous living. The medicine that meets this need—that tones the stomach, stimulates the liver, regulates the bowels—is

**BEECHAM'S
PILLS**
Largest Sale of Any Medicine in the World.
Sold everywhere. In boxes, 10c, 25c.

An Old Story of 50 Years Ago Everybody Should Read It

THE life story (here told only in brief form) of the Rev. Father John O'Brien, who came to Lowell, Mass., in 1848, to take charge of St. Patrick's Parish, is a record of loving self-sacrifice and service to humanity.



Father John Rode Over the Hills and
Mountains of Virginia in All
Kinds of Weather

For such a spirit there is always work, never any time for self, always time for service to others. Duties pressed one upon another, and only his earnestness and noble spirit enabled him to bear up under the great responsibility he left.

Father John, as he was affectionately known to his people, was born in Ireland, ordained to the priesthood there in 1828, and came to America in 1841 to take charge of a large missionary field in Martins-

burg, West Virginia. For seven years Father John traversed the hills and mountains, through rain and shine, heat and cold, visiting the sick and afflicted, cheering and encouraging the unfortunate.

In 1848 Father John came to Lowell, Mass., to take up his labors in St. Patrick's Parish, which in those early days included many miles of the thinly settled territory round about. Under his direction and by his splendid energy, schools and a hospital were established. It was at his suggestion and through his energetic work that the rebuilding of St. Patrick's Church was begun and completed. As he had done in Virginia, so in the more rigorous New England climate, Father John exposed himself to all kinds of weather in his work for his people.

Soon after the dedication of St. Patrick's Church, in 1854, Father John's cares and burdens began to wear him down. His years of devotion to duty had left him weak and feeble. He was attacked with a serious cold, which developed into a stubborn cough and affliction of the lungs, which caused the greatest alarm for his health. Medical skill seemed unable to stay the disease for a time until his doctor gave him a prescription



Father John Went About His
Work in All Kinds of Weather.

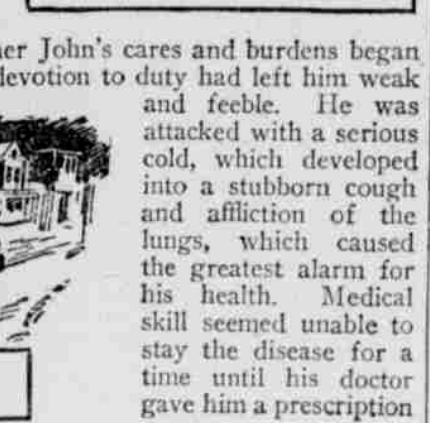
to relieve the cold and lung affliction and to build up and strengthen the body.

Father John sent the prescription to the old drug store of Carleton & Hovey, where it was compounded on June 9, 1855. He began taking the medicine and showed prompt improvement.

The soothing, healing elements of which the medicine was composed gave



Father John comes to Lowell,
Mass., in 1848



Father John Resumed his
Visits to his Parishioners.



Through Exposure Father John
Falls Ill



prompt relief to the throat irritation and the cough soon disappeared; while the food elements of which the medicine was composed nourished and built up his whole system. He continued to gain strength and energy, and soon was able to take up the duties of his parish with



Father John Visits the Sick and
Afflicted in His Parish

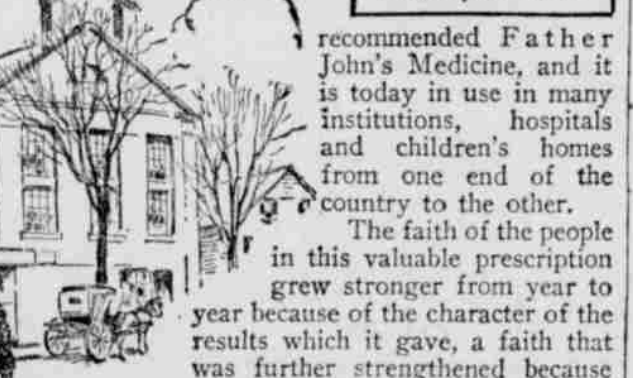
his old-time vigor, and his wonderful recovery was the one thing talked of, for he was loved and admired by all, regardless of race, creed or class. In the homes of his parishioners Father John's visits were again enjoyed, and there he would tell how he had been restored to health and strength, how the medicine he had taken had made him as strong and rugged as ever, had built up his entire system and given him new life and energy. When he visited the sick and ailing he recommended the medicine that had done him so much good.

The prescription was on file in Prescription Book IX., at the old drug store of Carleton & Hovey.

Those whom the clergyman advised to take it always came to the drug store and asked for "Father John's" medicine, and so it was named by the people, and advertised, all with the approval of

Father John, because he knew of its power to do good from his own experience. He desired that all who were ailing might test its value. By this word-of-mouth recommendation starting more than fifty years ago, Father John's Medicine, as it soon came to be called, became a family remedy in countless homes. The old prescription book, its pages tattered and worn through years of usage, is still carefully preserved, and the page which shows the greatest wear is that upon which the original prescription was written more than fifty years ago.

Because they saw the results which the medicine gave, many doctors have prescribed and



The Old Prescription Book

recommended Father John's Medicine, and it is today in use in many institutions, hospitals and children's homes from one end of the country to the other.

The faith of the people in this valuable prescription grew stronger from year to year because of the character of the results which it gave, a faith that was further strengthened because

Father John's Medicine is endorsed by hospitals, by the clergy and institutions wherever it is used, and by thousands who know its value by actual trial.

Topics of the Home and Household.

A little book and eye, instead of stitches, will keep a dress shield in place. Put one hook at each end and one on the center of the curve. Match the places with eyes sewn to the waist.

Try soaking in sweet milk to remove the stain in white goods caused by boiling a piece of red thread accidentally left in. Change the milk until the color disappears.

When doing any kind of white work, such as crocheting, lay a piece of dark green cloth on the lap and note the difference. Green is particularly restful to the eyes.

A difference may be made in oatmeal by cooking with it a plentiful quantity of best raisins, and still another change may be had by cooking with it chipped dates. Oatmeal, by the way, is just as good, and many people think much better, if cooked by putting it into cold instead of boiling water.

Life's Object.

"But I can't do half those things," said a bewildered new pupil to the teacher of physical culture, as they stood together in the gymnasium. "I simply can't do them at all."

"If you could here would be little use of your coming here," was the sensible reply. "You are here to learn how to do them, to train your limbs and muscles to strength and suppleness."

This is the story of life. We say we

Nights of Sleep vs. Nights of Agony

Verdict Favors D. D. D.

It is foolish to be awake all the long night through with that intolerable itching caused by eczema and await the coming of the day. D. D. D. Prescription is made for you if you are a sufferer. It will cool that hot, inflamed and itching skin, you will be able to rest at night, awake in the morning refreshed and life will be worth living. We know it will do all these things, as we have testimonials from many sufferers right among your neighbors. Try a bottle and you will not regret it. Come in today.

D. D. D. For 15 Years the Standard Skin Remedy
Sold Everywhere.

"We are pleased to endorse Father John's Medicine, knowing of its merit and history."—Signed

Rev. Nathan W. Matthews, First Primitive Methodist Church, Lowell, Mass.; Rev. H. C. Landon, Sacred Heart Parish, Coss, N. H.; Rev. J. F. Hickey, Leachmont, Mass.; Rev. John Ernest Parker, New Baltimore, N. Y.; Rev. Joseph Pontar, LaGrangeville, N. Y., and many others.

Father John's Medicine is in use and prescribed at many Hospitals, Homes and Charitable institutions. Among the many we have permission to refer to a few are given below:

St. Peter's Orphanage, Lowell, Mass.; Asylum of St. Vincent de Paul, 215 West 39th St., New York; Sisters of St. Mary, Farmham, N. Y.; Notre Dame de Lourdes Hospital, Manchester, N. H.; The Ursuline Sisters, Ursuline Convent, Waterville, Me.; Sisters of Mercy, St. Joseph's Hospital, New Bedford, Mass.; St. Philip's Home for Industrious Boys, New York; Children's Home, Parkers, New Baltimore, N. Y.; Sisters of St. Mary, Masson, Que.; St. Patrick's Orphanage, Manchester, N. H., and many others.



Father John's Medicine Endorsed
by Many Institutions and
Children's Homes.

These endorsements have been given voluntarily and are used with the full knowledge and consent of the authors. We have many others, the names of which we shall be pleased to furnish upon application.

Nothing can be added to these strong endorsements—praise given because of their knowledge and faith in its merit, and an earnest desire to have others benefit by its wonderful power.

You have read of its history and fifty years of success, during which time it has proved a great blessing to mankind. Permit us now to tell you of its value.

It is an old-fashioned family remedy—not a patent medicine, but the prescription of the learned doctor, who was consulted when the case of the late Rev. Father O'Brien did not yield to the customary treatment. It is free from alcohol, opium, morphine, cocaine, or poisonous drugs in any form which are found in many of the patent medicines; it contains no alcohol or other stimulants. It is a Food Medicine, pure and wholesome. It is invaluable as a tonic and body builder and restores weak and run-down systems to health and strength. It nourishes the system and makes flesh.

Right here we want to warn you against the danger in taking patent medicines which rely wholly on stimulating or nerve-deadening drugs for their effect. They weaken the system and leave you exposed to disease, cause nervous prostration and a craving for drugs; thousands of victims of the drug habit had the desire created by taking some patent medicines and many so-called "cough syrups" and "balsams." It is almost an impossibility to find a single preparation that does not contain poisonous drugs.

Father John's Medicine is a safe medicine for all the family; for the children as well as older people, because it does not contain alcohol or dangerous drugs in any form. In the treatment of colds, coughs, throat and lungs, and as a tonic and body builder it has had more than fifty years of success.

If you have any difficulty in getting Father John's Medicine from your druggist, send \$1.00 for a large size bottle, by express prepaid to any point in the United States. Address Father John's Medicine, Lowell, Mass.

Many Doctors Prescribe Father John's Medicine

cannot do this thing, we cannot endure that, we are not strong enough to climb to this ideal or to bear that burden or to struggle successfully with temptation and wrong that overmaster us so easily, says the Irish World. What is the use of trying when we have failed again and again?

But that is just what we are here for; to learn how, through failure and mistake, to grow a little stronger by every endeavor, whether it end in foothold or fall. We are here to try, never to give up trying, and to gain spiritual strength and vigor by persistent struggle. It is this rope caught or that weight lifted that counts; it is the strength gained by effort.

Selecting Shoes for Spring Wear.

There are several points to consider in selecting from the vast assortment of shoe styles; and, of course, the two most important points are comfortable supports and smart lasts. There is also the question of color applied to the size of the foot, which question receives far too little attention.

The new shoes show a decided point at the toes, and to be quite comfortable one should choose a size longer with any shoe with a rounded toe and the short vamp. Even with the extra length, the elegance of line is not apparent if the shoe looks wide across the ball of the foot. In that case insist that the salesman try on a shoe which is a half size wider; the difference in width is only an eighth of an inch, yet it gives added grace of line and comfort.

Women seem to forget that white increases the apparent size of the object it covers.

By all means keep to the high dark blue leather boot, or one of dark gray or black for street wear, with dark clothes; and eling to the bronze slipper with hose to match, or the neutral gray shade which is again so popular.

The white silk stocking with the black patent leather pump is most trying to any foot, especially if worn with any shoe with a white costume, or one where white lace appears at the bottom and into which the stocking may merge.

Sandwich Novelties.

Chestnut Cream Sandwiches—Peel, boil, drain and mash large French chestnuts. Rub them through a sieve and mix thoroughly with sweet cream. Add a touch of salt or sugar as liked, and spread the paste on thin slices of fresh white bread, denuded of crust and cut in round disks. Use a biscuit cutter for shaping after slices are cut.

Fig Sandwiches—Soak dried figs overnight in cold water to cover them, and then simmer over a slow fire until tender. Add half a cupful of sugar and the juice of a half a lemon to each pound of figs during the cooking. Chill them thoroughly in the lexbox, and then

chop to a paste and spread on thin white bread, or on thin slices of pound cake. Use a diamond cutter for shaping these.

Marshmallow and Nut Sandwiches.—Toast some marshmallows, and mix them in a bowl with chopped English walnuts. Cut white bread in star shapes and only put the paste on the low slices. This is the rule for all sandwiches.

Cream Cheese Sandwiches—Get the square cheeses and see that they are perfectly fresh. Mash in a bowl to a paste, add a little sweet cream beaten up first and a teaspoonful of Worcester-shire sauce to every cheese; salt and paprika to taste. Spread on thin, fresh graham bread cut in disks. Chopped olives or shavings of pimento may be added to this filling.

Bacon Sandwiches—Wipe of breakfast bacon, delicately broiled, make the most appetizing of sandwiches, especially if put between toasted slices of graham bread. The small shreds of bacon must lie on lettuce and be seasoned with paprika or red pepper. These are appetizing cold or hot.

Mayonnaise Sandwiches—Make a piquant of mayonnaise, using plenty of red pepper and lemon juice in the seasoning. Spread on a bit of lettuce put between fresh gluten bread, trimmed of all crust. Only a little of the mayonnaise must be used for it is likely to drip when it becomes warm.

Dorothy Dexter.

Resinol Surely Heals Sick Skins

When you know, physicians have prescribed Resinol for over 20 years in the treatment of eczema and other itching, burning unsightly skin eruptions, and have written thousands of reports saying: "It is my regular prescription for itching." "Resinol has produced brilliant results." "The result it gave was marvelous in one of the worst cases of eczema," etc., etc., doesn't it make you feel, "This is the treatment I can rely on for MY skin-trouble?"

When Resinol Ointment touches itching skin, the itching usually stops and healing begins. With the aid of Resinol Soap, it almost always clears away eczema, ringworm, pimples, or other distressing eruption quickly, leaving the skin clear and healthy. Sold by all druggists.

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PLAINFIELD

Wilford and Wallace Pelky of Champlain, N. Y., are spending several weeks with their brother, Medos Pelky.

William Bancroft returned to his home in Pawtucket, R. I., Saturday.

Miss Agnes Poulan is very ill with pneumonia.

Miss Jessie Kidder of Barre visited Miss Evelyn Bruffee part of last week.

Miss Alice Knapp and Herbert Knapp are at work in Windsor.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Davidson of Calhoun have moved into the Fortney house near the station. Mr. Davidson is foreman in the Bancroft mill.

Roy Dayton has moved his family into Mrs. Kinney's house on High street.

Miss Jane Clark, who has been ill for several days, is much better.

Mrs. Clara Cioke of New York is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Smith Martyn.

Miss Rose Moore, who has been very ill at Montpelier, was moved home on Thursday.

Miss Mary Bean is substituting in Miss Rose Moore's school in Marshfield.

Mark Morse of Randolph was in town last week. His grandmother, Mrs. Fanny Perkins, accompanied him home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Moses were in East Montpelier Saturday to attend the funeral of Mr. Mason.

Mrs. Winsor Perry of Hardwick is ill at the home of her father, E. E. Cree.

Little Miss Leona Warren was operated on for appendicitis at Heaton hospital, Montpelier, last week.

Mrs. Etta Nichols of Montpelier is the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. I. Perry.

Edwin Lambkin went to Chicago, Ill., Saturday, where he has a position. Mrs. Lambkin will join him some time this week.

C. E. Eddy of Stowe was in town Friday on business.

L. M. Johnson was in Montpelier last week to visit Mrs. Johnson, who is spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith.

Special services were held at the Methodist church Sunday morning for the boy scouts. Rev. A. W. Hewitt gave the address.

Mrs. E. M. Rideout, who has been in Montpelier for several weeks, has moved into the tenement in John Lane's house.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Hudson of South Ryegate spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in town.

The entertainment given by the "Virginius" Monday evening was thoroughly enjoyed by over 300 people. The committee who have the lecture course in charge have other entertainments which will please the public as well. The Warwick male quartet will come Saturday, Feb. 26.

South school, Plainfield, Feb. 12, Saturday, 7:30. All invited. Come and see the surprise. It's leap year. Girls bring lunches for two.

SEARCH FOR OIL IN OHIO.

Facts About the Geology of Woodfield and Caldwell Districts.

The search for new oil and gas pools in southern Ohio has been so thorough and persistent that the casual observer might include that the chances of finding new producing areas are slight. There is, in fact, some ground for that conclusion as to parts of Monroe and Noble counties, where there is almost no area as large as one square mile that has not been tested at one or more places by the drill. The most encouraging feature in this region is the number of sands in which there is hope of finding pools, no less than eight sands being productive at one place or another, and some single wells deriving oil from several sands. The shallow depth at which oil is found is also an inducement to drilling, especially in the Caldwell district, where the Buell Run, Macksburg 500-foot, and other sands are productive within a few miles of their outcrop, at depths of 100 to 300 feet. The Berea sand has yielded a good output in the Woodfield pool, the Temperanceville pool, the Barnesville pool, and the Cassville pool. It also furnishes an excellent gas field at Summerville. The chief complaint concerning the Berea is that it is very "spotted" and so deep that prospecting to it is rather expensive.

Recent investigations of the United States geological survey indicate that there are good chances of driving new productive wells to the Berea and certain other sands. Two reports covering parts of Belmont, Monroe, Guernsey, and Noble counties have recently been prepared by D. Dale Condit and R. Van A. Mills. Each report includes a farm map bearing structural contours drawn on the Berea sand and showing the location of all wells drilled up to the date of completion of the report. Certain localities that are believed to be favorable for prospecting are pointed out. The reports are designated bulletins 621-N and 621-O, "Structure of the Berea Oil Sand in the Summerville Quadrangle, Guernsey, Noble, and Monroe Counties," and "Structure of the Berea Oil Sand in the Woodfield Quadrangle, Belmont, Monroe, Noble and

Guernsey Counties." Copies may be obtained free from the director of the U. S. geological survey.

Handsome Paternalism.

"University extension" is a somewhat ambiguous term. It can mean almost any luxury of education to which the imagination applies it. To many of the men and women to be reached by the state board of education correspondence courses, the word "university" must sound big and formidable. So some careful advertising will be needed before the board can enroll the 10,000 pupils whom it expects in its university extension division.

"Every working boy and girl, man and woman in the state," is invited to communicate with the board and arrange for some course suitable to his or her needs. The only cost is for postage of the lesson sheets, a nominal sum to be paid in advance. The opportunity, sufficiently explained to the public, should make an appeal in every community in the state.

An educational course extended to workers by the state, and intended to help people to help themselves, is not a new idea, but the execution of it is something of a novelty. Operation of the plan is an achievement of the new day of greater industrial freedom—shorter hours, giving the worker more leisure and better pay, giving him new ambition.

That there has been an improvement in the education of children before the working age is reached does not tend to make extension courses less desirable. Rather more so, on the contrary. The student well grounded in fundamentals is the best possible material for technical lessons. As the service of the public schools grows, the university extension work will become more popular and more profitable.

Industry and business are becoming more and more a great machine, run with precision and making constant demand upon skill. Men and women can "fall into" the good positions as often as in other times. They have to fight every step of the way toward their own advancement. The state board aims to make that fight more methodical, less exhausting.

Local organizations for improvement of working conditions, as well as boards of trade and similar civic bodies, of which there are many in Massachusetts, can help put the extension plan to its maximum use. The instruction in vocational work and in English (for foreigners) is a kind of paternalism that can't lose.—Boston Journal.

When basting straight seams, use little wire paper clips to hold the material together, instead of sewing the seam the full length. They will hold it perfectly even as you will not fall out, as is the danger with pins.

HAIR COMING OUT?

Dandruff causes a feverish irritation of the scalp, the hair roots shrink, loosen, and then the hair comes out fast. To stop falling hair at once and rid the scalp of every particle of dandruff, get a 25-cent bottle of Dandermine at any drug store, pour a little in your hand and rub it into the scalp. After a few applications, the hair stops coming out, and you can't find any dandruff.—Adv.